

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory LaPointe on 9/15/2008. This action has been sent to correct the claim numbers to be amended.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 6 has been modified from "wherein the clearance on an inner side of the tractor is a clearance S which is greater than the clearance elsewhere, wherein the clearance S compensates for movement of the coupling plate in the direction of the pivoting axis (y)" to

—wherein the clearance S between the bearing block and the coupling plate along the pivoting axis (y) is greater than the clearance elsewhere, wherein the clearance S compensates for movement of the coupling plate in the direction of the pivoting axis (y)—.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael R. Stabley whose telephone number is (571)270-3249. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley D. Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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